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ANTONIUS H.M. HOLTSLAG ET AL.

PHNL 000547

SERIAL NO.: 10/043,384

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FILED: October 26, 2001

EXAMINER: A. Mengistu

SUB-FIELD DRIVEN DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-12, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0193449 A1 to Wakabayashi et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0040436 A1 to Salters et al.; and claims 2-5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wakabayashi et al. in view of Salters et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,249,265 to Tajima et al.

Applicants traverse the above rejections and offer the following explanation.

Applicants assert that the Salters et al. Publication is an improper reference in that filing date thereof, to wit March 27,

2001, and even the filing date of the application from which Salters et al. is a continuation in part, to wit December 20, 2000, post date the effective filing date of the subject application, i.e., October 31, 2000, as established by Applicant's priority European Patent Application No. 00203787.7, a certified copy thereof having been filed with the subject application, and the receipt of which having been acknowledged by the Examiner.

With the removal of Salters et al. as a reference,
Applicants submit that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections fall for the
same reasons as explained in Applicants' prior response filed
January 30, 2004.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1-15, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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